



**City of Clayton
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, August 1, 2016
7:00 PM – The Center of Clayton
Meeting Room A**

----- Agenda Topics -----

Topic		Notes
1. Approval of Minutes	Eric Schneider	
2. Addresses from the Audience	Eric Schneider	
3. Director's Report	Patty DeForrest	
4. Old Business/New Business	Eric Schneider	

Attachments:

Minutes – June 6, 2016
August Events Calendar

Notes:

Next Meeting: September 12, 2016

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, June 6, 2016

The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C

Members present: David LaGessee, Missy McCormick, Jeanne Most, Becky Patel, Eric Schneider, and Melanie Tamsky

Absent: Joanne Bolton, Jenaro Centeno, Cynthia Garnholz, Maripat Gatter and Mark Stapleton.

Also Present: Patty DeForrest and Denise Ucinski

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the May meeting were approved as amended.

Addresses from the Audience:

There were no addresses from the audience.

Shaw Park Ice Rink Plan

Ms. DeForrest presented the Shaw Park Ice Rink Plan. (See the attached presentation for specific details.) The Shaw Park Ice Rink plan included the following information: history, including survey data, current status, considerations, the future plan and preparation, site plan for the facility, estimated budget and the funding plan.

The Board of Alderman (BOA) voted in favor of the Shaw Park Ice Rink plan. The Park and Recreation Commission vote was 5 to 1 in favor of the plan. Jacobs was hired to update the renderings shown in the presentation. The layout has not changed and the building design has not been prepared. No additional taxes are needed to fund the project. In 2019 the City will have paid off debt at The Center and Park facilities. This in turn frees up funds from the Recreation and Stormwater tax. This is a half-cent sales tax that can be used only for Parks and Stormwater projects. The tax was passed in the mid 1990's, is unique to Missouri and shows great community support. There will be a twenty year bond in place to pay for the Ice Rink project. Further, there will be nearly one million left for other park projects and to fund existing facilities. Money in the general fund is used for park maintenance and staffing. The final Ice Rink design will be completed by the summer of 2017. In March of 2018 the rink will be torn down and rebuilt with the intent to open for the winter 2018-2019 season.

The next steps in the process include the following: public engagement, hiring a firm to work on refinement of concepts and construction documents, and putting the project out to bid by fall of 2017. Ms. DeForrest would like to have a couple of Parks and Recreation Commission members serve on the Ice Rink steering committee. This committee will work with the design firm to provide feedback. Also, the committee will have eight to ten people comprised of Parks and Recreation staff, Parks and Recreation Commission, BOA and CCF members. Ms. McCormick and Ms. Tamsky expressed an interest in serving on the committee. Ms. DeForrest assured the Commission that there will also be additional special meetings with various groups, including hockey groups.

Director's Report:

Ms. DeForrest stated that all outdoor facilities are up and running. Operations are improving at the Shaw Park Aquatic Center. Midwest Pool Management had to iron out some processes. They are also handling concessions.

Ms. DeForrest reported the following, Summer Memberships are selling well, parks rentals numbers are increasing, membership at the Dog Park is good and the Taylor Park project is set to be completed at the end of July. Furthermore, the St. Louis Community Foundation has moved into #2 Oak Knoll. MSD will begin work on the northwest side in Oak Knoll Park after July 4; this project will take six months. The east parking lot project will be completed next year. There has been a hold up on the tear down of the Westmoreland property because lead was found in the windows and it took some time to get the utilities shut off. Next year projects are: new lighting and improvements to Fields #5 and #6 and the DeMun Park playground.

The Parks and Recreation Department's National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Accreditation has a five year span; therefore the department has to apply for re-accreditation in 2017. Ms. Egel is leading the project. Some policies and procedures may need to be reviewed by the Commission. The BOA requested that our department conduct a senior population survey. The Public Art Master Plan is being updated. Musical nights will be held at the end of June.

Old Business / New Business:

Mr. Schneider said he was very impressed by the Picnic in the Park event. The Commission agreed to cancel the July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski



Recreation & Event Calendar

August 2016

Parties in the Park

Wednesday, August 10, 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Stop by Central Avenue for great music and cocktails every second Wednesday this summer. In June, music will be provided by Fatpocket. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, this event is a great way to cap off your work day and visit with friends.

Clayton Kid's Triathlon

Sunday, August 14, 8:00 am

The 3rd Annual Bodley Group Clayton Kids Triathlon which is presented by Companion and hosted by the City of Clayton will take place on Sunday, August 14th at 8:00 a.m. Swimming will take place at the Shaw Park Aquatic Center, biking will be in Shaw Park and on the Great Rivers Greenway Centennial Trail and running will be in Shaw Park. The event was created to introducing kids ages 7 – 14 to the sport of triathlon. More information is available at bigshark.com.

Center of Clayton Annual Pool Closures

August 15 – September 5

The leisure pool will be closed August 15 – 21 and the competition pool will be closed August 22 – September 5 for annual cleaning. Center of Clayton members have free access to Shaw Park Aquatic Center during the closure.

American Whiskey Tasting - Rescheduled

Friday, August 19, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

This event was rescheduled due to inclement weather. An American Whiskey Tasting featuring bourbon, whiskey, white and rye. All tickets include a Hanley House tasting glass. Tastings are available on a first come - first serve basis. A limited number of VIP tickets are available and include early entry at 5:30 PM and a one-ounce pour of Van Winkle Special Reserve 12 year Bourbon.

Clayton Craft on Tap Beer Festival

Saturday, August 20, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

The second annual Clayton Craft on Tap will take place on Meramec between Maryland and Forsyth. Attendees will sample beer from over 25 breweries while listening to live music. Food will be available for purchase from food trucks as well as restaurants located near the event. www.claytoncraftontap.com.

Musical Nights at Oak Knoll Park

Sunday, August 28, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Sponsored by the Clayton Century Foundation, this event is held monthly by the pond at Oak Knoll. This month's music will be provided by Three Pedros.